GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Industries & Commerce Department – Pursuant to the major accident with an explosion followed by fire in the Production block of a factory M/s Escientia Advanced Sciences Pvt. Ltd, Plot No.11, 11A, 12 & 12A, APSEZ, Achutapuram, Anakapalli occurred on 21.08.2024 - Constitution of High Level Committee to suggest measures for increasing the Industrial Safety in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (P&I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.51 **Dated:13.09.2024**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.135, Industries & Commerce (P&I) Department, Dt:12.10.2017.
2. Preliminary Investigation Report of Director of Factories, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Dated:25.08.2024

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ORDER:

In the 1st reference read above, orders have been issued for constituting "Central Inspection Monitoring Committee (CIMC)" under the Chairmanship of Commissioner of Industries, AP and Member Secretary, APPCB, Member Convenor with the primary aim of the committee is to guide and improve the activities/inspections under the Central Inspection System.

2. Vide reference-2 of preliminary investigation report, Director of Factories, Government of Andhra Pradesh stated that a major accident with an explosion followed by fire in the Production block of a factory by name M/s Escientia Advanced Sciences Pvt. Ltd, Plot No.11, 11 A, 12 & 12A, APSEZ, Achutapuram, Anakapalli occurred on 21.08.2024 at 02.18 PM, in which, 17 workers have died and about 40 others were injured and hospitalized. Immediately, all the stakeholder departmental officials and District Collector rushed to the accident scene and attended to the aftermath. The fire services from Department of AP Fire and Disaster Response and the other private industries have attended to the fire fighting and brought the fire under control. Rescue operations were conducted by the Fire services and NDRF team and retrieved the dead bodies. The injured were admitted in different hospitals.

3. Further, Director of Factories has informed that a prohibitory order duly prohibiting the further operations in the production block till further

orders was issued under Section 40(2) of Factories Act, 1948 and further action shall be initiated as per the rules after completion of investigation.

4. Hon'ble Chief Minister has visited the accident site the next date and reviewed with all the officials, besides visiting the families of deceased and injured people. Administration implemented an exgratia of Rs 1Cr to the deceased, Rs 50 Lakhs for the seriously injured and Rs 25 lakhs for the injured in the accident.

5. In order to prevent industrial accidents in the State, especially, Red Category Industries and after deliberations with various officials of stakeholder departments, SEZ Industrial representatives and District Officials, Government hereby constitute a High Level Committee to suggest measures for increasing the Industrial Safety in the State of Andhra Pradesh with the following members:-

A. Composition

Smt. Vasudha Mishra, IAS (Retd).	Chairperson
Special Chief Secretary, Environment, Forest, Science & Technology Department.	Member
Principal Secretary, Home Department	Member
Secretary, Labour Factories Boilers & Insurance Medical Services Department	Member
Secretary, Industry and Commerce Department	Member
Development Commissioner, VSEZ, Government of India	Member
Director General, Fire services	Member
Member Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board	Member
Director of Boilers	Member
Director of Industries	Member
Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, APIIC	Member
Director of Factories	Convener

Industry members/experts from

1. Sri City, Tirupati District
2. Pharma City at Parwada, Anakapalli District
3. Bulk Drug Manufacture Association (BDMA)
4. BRANDIX SEZ
5. APIIC SEZs such as Atchuthapuram, Naidupeta, etc
6. Prominent Industry Safety experts from IIT Chennai and IIT Tirupati
7. NITI Aayog Expert on Industrial Safety

8. The Chairperson may co-opt other members and experts, as found required.

B. Terms of Reference

a. To study the recent two episodes of the Industrial Accident in detail, identify the reasons and suggest required organizational, legal and administrative measures required for increasing the industrial safety

b. To suggest the measures for strengthening the processes and timelines of Safety Inspections and Audits such as Centralized Inspection System, Third Party audits, etc

c. To recommend the measures regarding qualified safety officers in the System (both from company and departments) and improving their training and technical skills

C. Other information

Committee is expected to held meetings with all stakeholders in different parts of the State and submit its recommendations or report within 2 to 3 months of taking charge. The Director of factories, Government of Andhra Pradesh will provide the necessary secretarial assistance and other support to the Committee.

6. The Director of Factories, Government of Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT & CIP

To
The Director of Factories, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
All the Members Concerned.
The Secretary, Labour Factories Boilers & Insurance Medical Services Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
All the Departments of the Secretariat.
The Director of Industries, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.
The Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, APIIC, Mangalagiri
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The PS to Hon'ble Minister, Industries and Commerce.
The PS to Hon'ble Minister, Mines & Geology.
The PS to Hon'ble Minister, Handlooms & Textiles.

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The PS to Hon'ble Minister for Labour.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Ind.& Com. (Handlooms& Textiles) Departmentt.
The PS to Secretary to Government & CIP. Industries & Commerce Department.
The Secretary to Govt., Finance Department.
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